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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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Public Health Committee

**AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS, COUNSELORS
AND THERAPISTS TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION
COURSE WORK IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

SUMMARY: This act requires Department of Public Health (DPH)-licensed social workers, professional counselors, alcohol and drug counselors, and marital and family therapists to complete one contact hour (i.e., at least 50 minutes) of continuing education coursework in cultural competency during each license registration period. (A registration period is the 12-month period for which a license is renewed.)

By law and DPH regulation, each of these professionals must complete at least 15 contact hours of continuing education during each registration period, except for alcohol and drug counselors, who must complete at least 20 contact hours.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013 and applicable to license registration periods starting on and after October 1, 2014.

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